

# A Challenging Case Management Client

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# The GOOD



Cavity Mass  
Right Upper Lobe

# The BAD

Navy –  
Vietnam

Weight Loss  
39 LBS in 6 Months

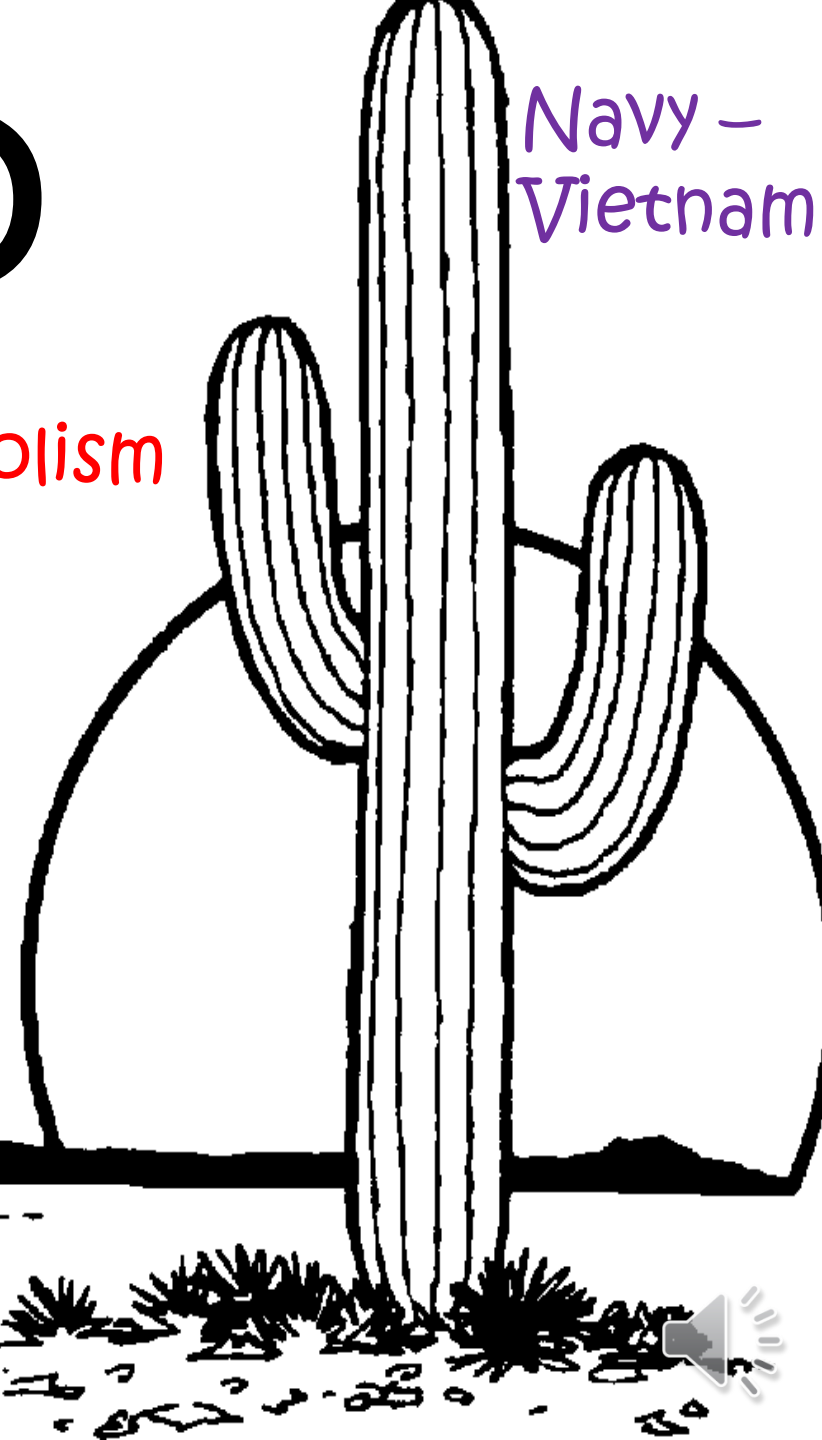
Non-compliant

Alcoholism

Exposed to TB

Incarcerated

Smokes 1 ½ Packs a Day

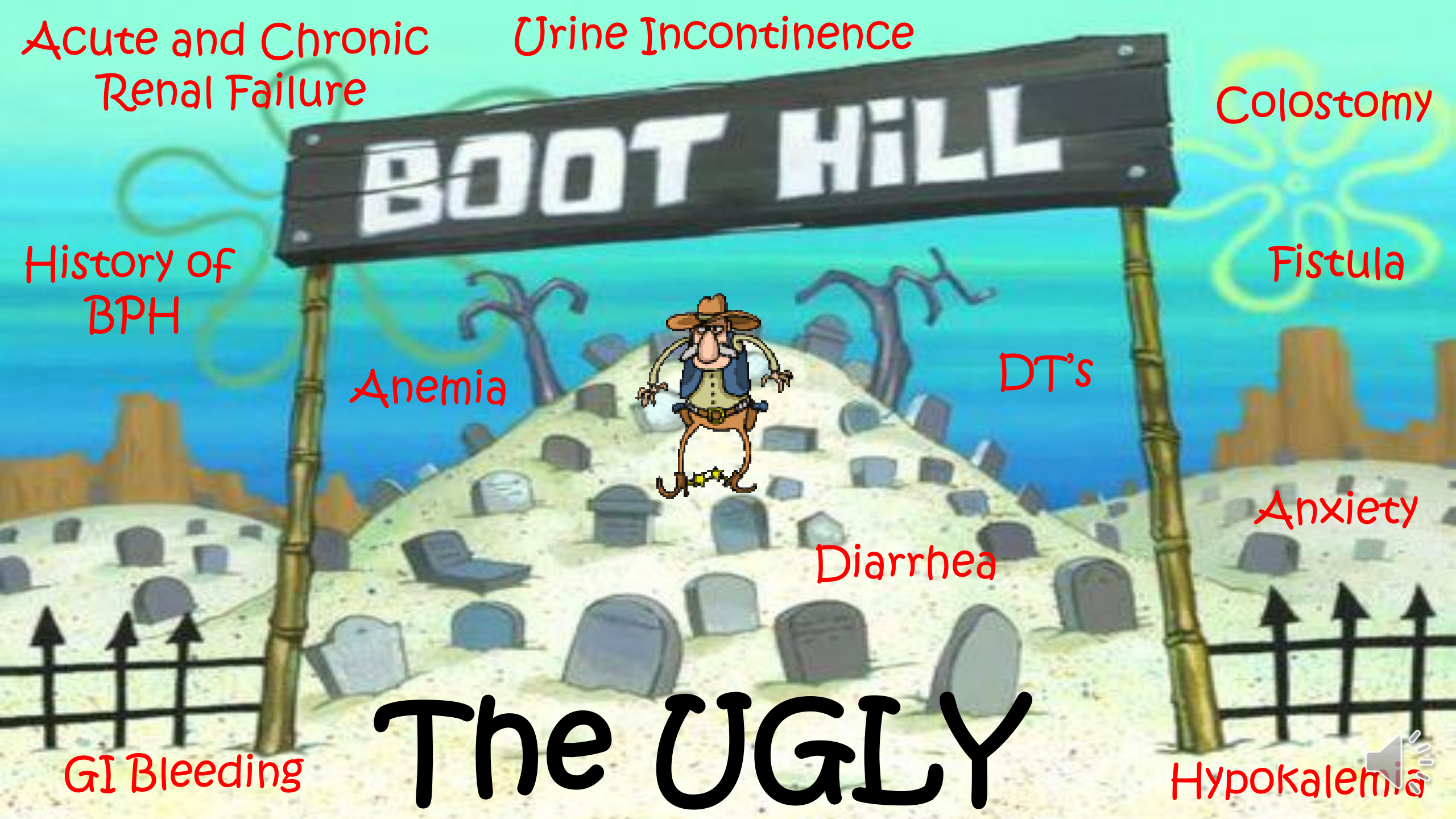


Thickening of  
The Bladder

Chews Tobacco







Acute and Chronic  
Renal Failure

Urine Incontinence

Colostomy

History of  
BPH

Fistula

Anemia

DT's

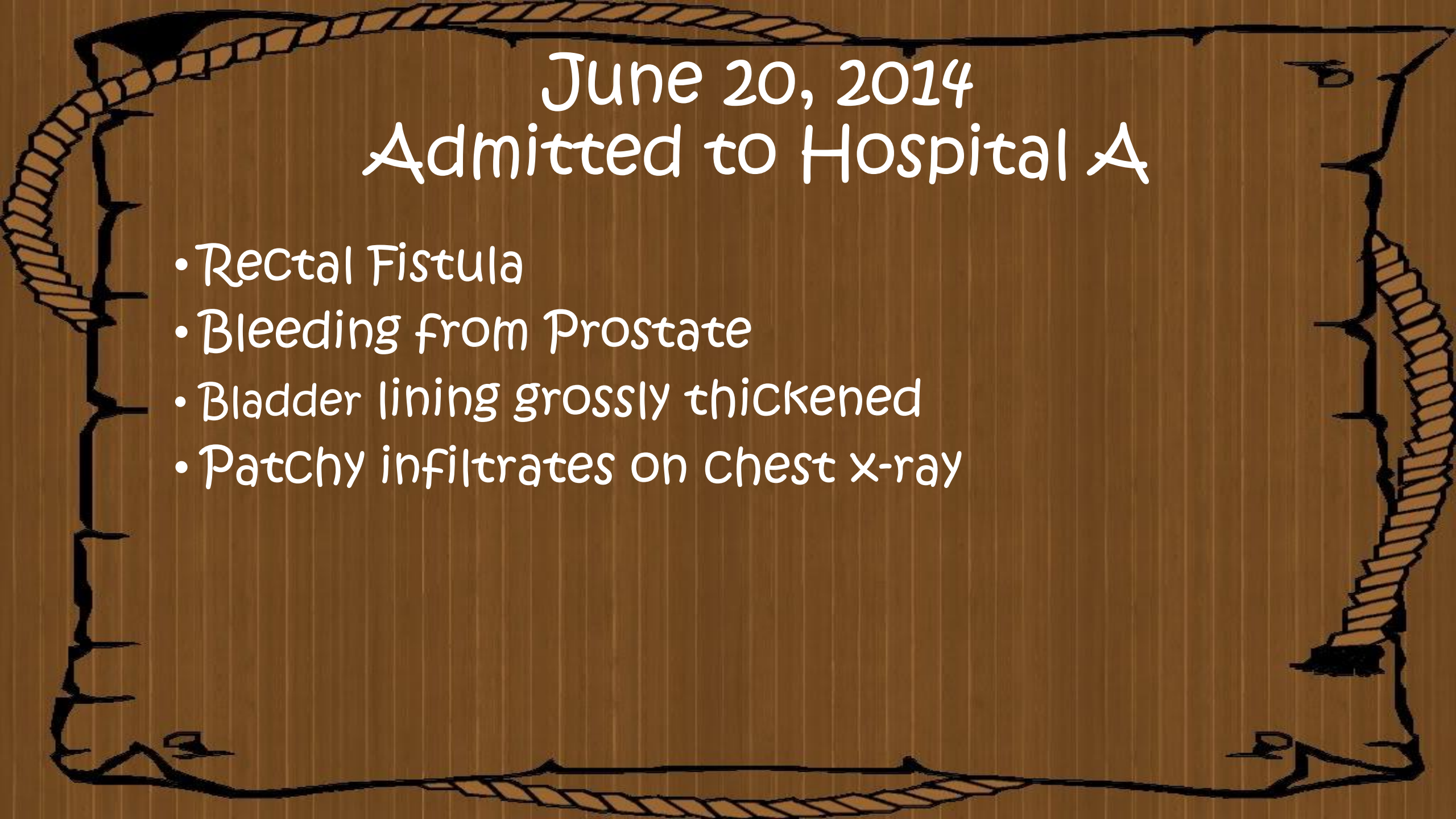
Anxiety

Diarrhea

GI Bleeding

# The UGLY

Hypokalemia

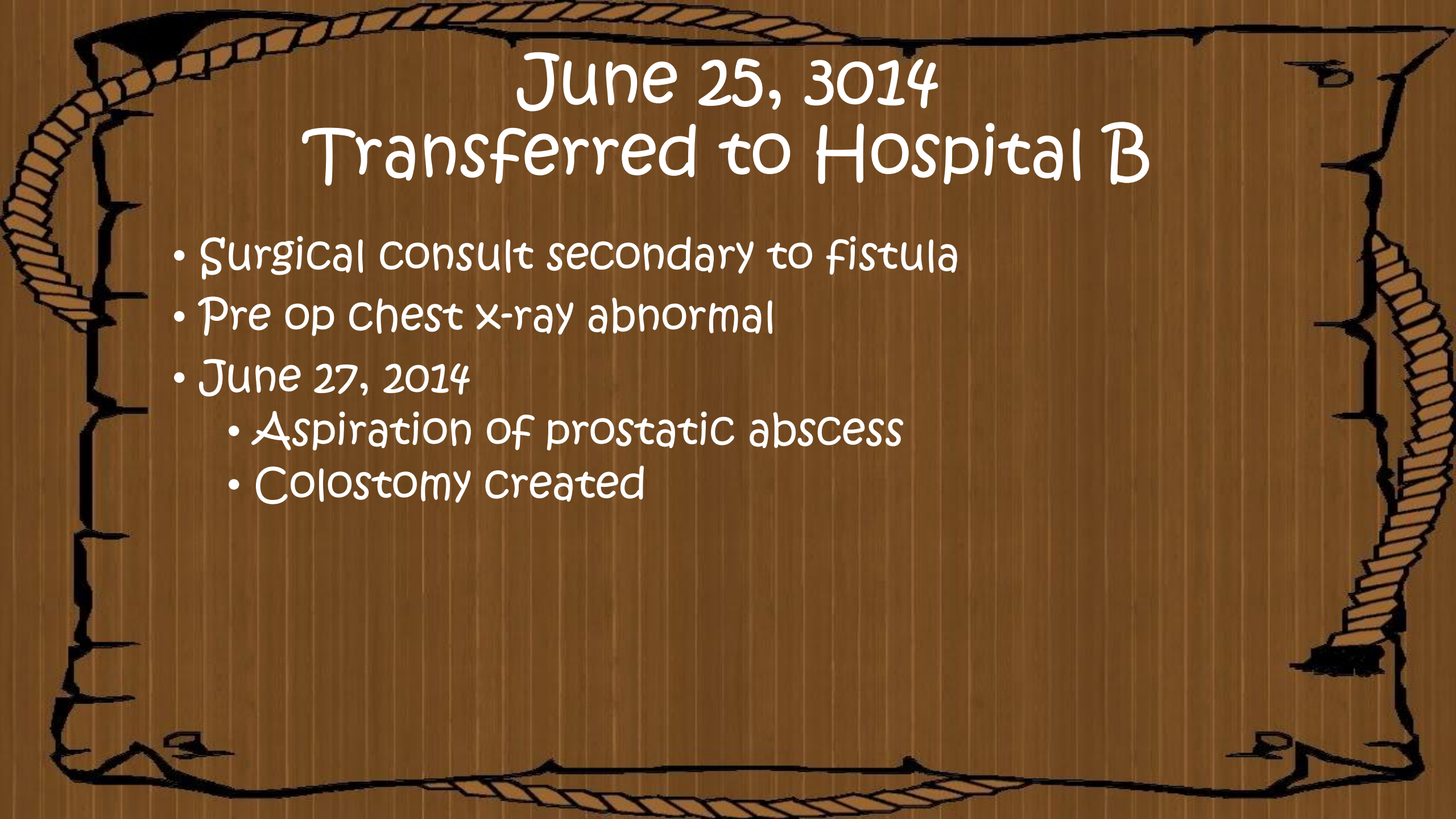


# June 20, 2014

## Admitted to Hospital A

- Rectal Fistula
- Bleeding from Prostate
- Bladder lining grossly thickened
- Patchy infiltrates on chest x-ray





# June 25, 3014

## Transferred to Hospital B

- Surgical consult secondary to fistula
- Pre op chest x-ray abnormal
- June 27, 2014
  - Aspiration of prostatic abscess
  - Colostomy created



# June 30, 2014

- Pulmonologist Consult
  - Wt. loss 39 lbs. in 6 months
  - Rt. Upper lung Cavitary mass
  - Positive exposure to TB- 45 years ago
  - Smokes 1 ½ pack per day



# Recommended Bronchoscopy to evaluate Cavitory mass

Patient refused due to pain from previous surgery  
OK to defer evaluation of Cavitory lung process.

- If infectious it may resolve on current treatment.
- If worsens will evaluate then.
- If discharged needs a F/U plan to assess the lungs.



# July 2, 2014 Discharged to LTCF A with active problems

- Colostomy
- Fistula of Intestine
- Anemia
- Anxiety
- Hypokalemia
- Severe protein calorie malnutrition
- Cavitory lesion

Patient signed himself out of LTCF A on July 5, 2015

# December 1, 2014

## Readmitted to Hospital B

- c/o urine coming from the rectum
- Urinary retention
- Anemia
- Acute renal failure
- VasicoRectal Fistula- established and worsening
- Enlarged prostate



# Scheduled for Exploratory Laparotomy on December 3, 2014

- Cavitory lesslon of lung
- Experience DT's and unable to have surgery
- Stools in ostomy were hemaCult positive
- Anemia
- UTI





Discharge on 12/16/2014  
to HOME



3/29/2015 Presented to Hospital B  
and Transferred to Hospital C

Admitting Diagnosis:

- UTI
- R/O Pyelonephritis
- PNA
- Dehydration
- Stomal Protrusion



# Symptoms and findings on admission

- Diffuse weakness
- Fever
- Cough
  
- Multiple Cavitory lesions noted
- U A positive for nitrite, blood and bacteria
- GFR of
- 42 consistent with CKD stage 3





April 3, 2015

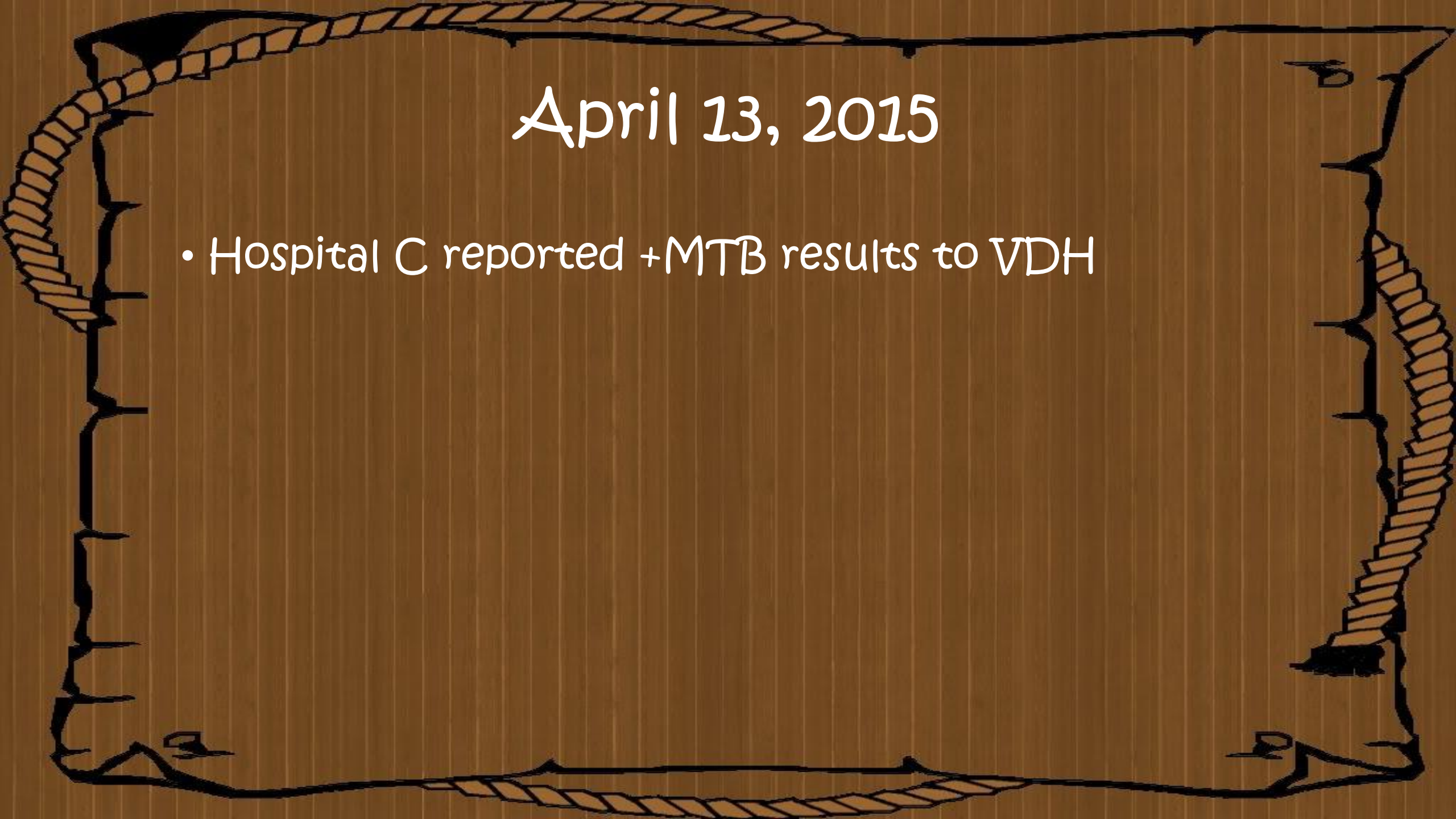
- Unable to obtain sputum
- Ct Guided biopsy and Broch Washing:
  - AFB smear positive
  - PCR - + MTB



# April 11, 2015

- Started on 4 drug therapy
- Second week of admission
  - Developed LLL DVT
    - Heparin Drip complicated by Rifampin
    - Switched to Lovenox
    - 4/27/2015 switched to Coumadin





April 13, 2015

- Hospital C reported +MTB results to VDH



# Smears

- April 24, 2015 – Sputum 2+
- April 25, 2015 – Sputum 2+
- April 26, 2015- Sputum 2+
- April 29, 2015 Sputum 2+
- May 1, 2015- Sputum 2+
- May 2, 2015 – Sputum 2+
- May 6, 2015 – Sputum 1+
- May 7, 2015- Sputum 2 + (positive MTB complex by PCR)
- May 12, 2015 Sputum 2+
- May 15, 2015 Sputum positive
- May 18, 2015 Sputum 3+

# Discharge HOME 5/21/2015

- Foley in place – change q 30 days
- Colostomy in place
- Continue on RIPE
- Monitor INR for Coumadin Therapy for afib/DVT, indefinite length
- Monitor GFR
- Home isolation



# HOME Situation

- Lived alone in a trailer
- Daughter- care giver lives 45 min. away
- PMD – 30 minutes in opposite direction
- All home health agencies refused services
- Long term care facilities refused admission
- Health department to do DOT





# Contacts of Patient:

2 Family Contacts

11 in Community

30 in Hospital A

71 in Hospital B

142 in LTCF A



# Home visit – 1<sup>st</sup> week

- DOT started 5/26/2015 with 4 drug therapy
- 5/28/2015- Sputum AFB 3+, MTB positive
- 5/29/2015- P MD contacted because patient was having nausea



## 6/1/2015 – Home Visit

- Abdomen hard and distended
- C/O LBP with stomach pain
- Evidence that patient had not been attended over the weekend
- Refused DOT
- Daughter transported to Hospital A
- Patient signed himself out AMA



6/2/2015

- Patient travels to PCP for lab work- stopped and did DOT
- PCP unable to evaluate – rescheduled
- Daughter called later
  - Transporting patient to Hospital B because of bright red bleeding from the stoma
  - Hospital ER reduced stoma and discharged him to home



6/09/2015

- Continues on DOT
- Blood work results show a critical Uric Acid and RBC level
- Liver Function normal, GFR- 37, Creatinine 1.68 PCP notified



6/11/2015

- Home visit for DOT
- C/O abdominal pain, tarry stools, protruding stoma
- Daughter takes patient to VA Center 1 for evaluation
- Daughter calls later, he signed himself out AMA because of long wait



6/18/2015

- Patient's Foley catheter detached from catheter bag
- Patient states he will attach later



6/19/2015

- Stoma protruding
- Very scant amount of urine
- Daughter calls later
  - Patient vomiting, with severe abdominal pain with chilling
  - Daughter taking him to Hospital A
  - VA 2, ID physician called and discussed patient's condition
  - VA 2 will accept Patient as a transfer
  - PHN discussed VA 2 option with Hospital A ER
  - Patient discharged back to home



6/22/2015

- Stool culture obtain + C.Diff and patient started on oral Vancomycin
- Patient has no home health
- 30 minute drive to PCP
- Only means of transportation is daughter



- Sputum Smear negative on June 18, June 24 and June 29
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- No growth on cultures



7/2/2015

- ETH and PZA discontinued
- Rifampin increased to 900 mg per day after drug level drawn



July 15, 2015

- Home health began and Foley Catheter was Changed.



8/17/2015

- PHN went to do DOT and heard patient talking incoherently
- Door locked. PHN called daughter
- Daughter arrived in approximately 1 hour
- Patient on couch, again with no evidence of having received any care for several days
- Patient unable to sit up to get to phone
- Patient appeared to have not had fluids or food in two days
- 911 Called and patient transported to Hospital A



8/24/2015

- Patient discharged from Hospital A
- Daughter drove him in her private vehicle to VA 2
- Admitted to VA 2



8/27/2015

- Pt. moved to LTCF B
- PHN communicated with LTCF B in regards to TB drugs



- 09/07/2015 Patient signed himself out AMA from LTCF B
- Patient took DOT 2 days out of 6 days attempted.
- Refused to come to door the other days.



09/15/2015

- Went to home for DOT- Patient opened door
- Very weak and disheveled
- Large amount of bright blood in Foley Catheter ( started the night before)
- Coumadin on table, he is unsure how many he took.
- C/o abdominal pain, Chills and pain in the penis
- Cough- loose
- Wanted daughter to take to ER. Daughter notified
- Daughter on her way, patient began have more abdominal pain
- 911 notified and he was transported to Hospital A
- Ask PHN to go with him- PHN went to ER and spoke to ER Physician



9/15/2015

- Patient sent to VA 2 hospital. He is currently being treated for heart blockage and severe UTI.



Careful how you label TB –  
it could easily be  
you or me.



THANK YOU

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We'll Miss  
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You!

